

HOUSE BILL 528

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,
Chapter 7, relative to the Tennessee Employment
Security Law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-451(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) Effective for the quarter beginning July 1, 2001, each employer, who has an unemployment insurance premium rate determined by matching the employer's own reserve ratio to the appropriate premium rate in premium rate table 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a or 6b, as set forth in § 50-7-403(g), and who has a reserve ratio of at least zero percent (0%) but less than twelve percent (12%), shall be assessed a Tennessee job skills fee. The Tennessee job skills fee shall be fifteen hundredths of a percent (0.15%) of the employer's wages, as defined in § 50-7-213, and shall apply only when premium rate table 6a, as defined in § 50-7-403(g), is in effect; however, in the event that § 50-7-213 is amended to increase the amount of wages on which employers pay their unemployment insurance premiums to an amount greater than seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) paid to each employee during the calendar year, the Tennessee jobs skills fee of fifteen hundredths of a percent (0.15%) will be reduced proportionately so that the amount of revenue generated by the Tennessee jobs skills fee will be no greater than the revenue that would be generated if employers subject to the Tennessee job skills fee were paying at a rate of fifteen hundredths of a percent (0.15%) on the first seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) paid to each employee during a calendar year. The

Tennessee job skills fee shall be transferred into the Tennessee job skills fund created by this section. The Tennessee job skills fee shall be due at the same time, collected in the same manner, and subject to the same interest as an unemployment insurance premium assessed under § 50-7-403, and all the power and authority granted to the commissioner of labor and workforce development under § 50-7-404 for the collection of the unemployment insurance premiums and interest shall be applicable to the collection of Tennessee job skills fees and interest. The Tennessee job skills fee, as provided for in this subdivision (b)(1), shall expire on December 31, 2012, unless reauthorized by the general assembly.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-606, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() The chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives shall be ex officio non-voting members of the council.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.